**Intellectual Property and Technology Management**

498. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a Rs. 145 crore scheme for improving the intellectual property and technology management system in the CSIR during the current Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The objective of the scheme basically seeks to capture, secure, enhance and realize the value from the Intellectual Property (IP) of CSIR. The salient features of the Scheme are as follows:

(i) Create a formidable IP portfolio holding of Indian and foreign patents;

(ii) Framing techno-legal-commercial patent application as per the requirements of the different countries, prosecuting to secure IP rights, safeguarding and maintaining the property;

(iii) Formation, valuation & valorization of Patent & IP portfolios; and

(iv) Maintain constant vigil and surveillance to check for infringement, unauthorized use, validation and violations and to take causative action for its enforcement.

**Commercial exploitation of Intellectual Property Rights**

499. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that henceforth scientists and researchers in India would be made stakeholders in the commercial exploitation of their work by getting Intellectual Property Rights for their projects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Ministry of Science and Technology and Department of